

August Newsletter

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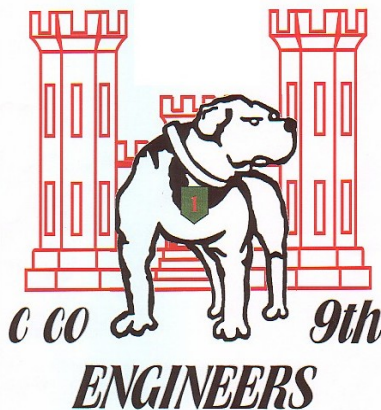
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HARD TRAINING, EASY WAR!!



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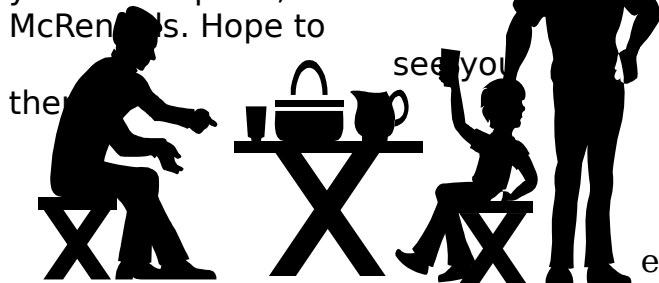
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Back-2-School Barbeque!

August 28th at Kessler Field.

SFC Scurry will be cooking up some of his delicious **ribs**. Each company will be asked to bring a certain type of dish to pass that will be decided later. There will be **games**, a **banner** to decorate for the soldiers, and many **back to school events**. If you can help out, call Malia McReynolds. Hope to



**Saturday, August 14th will be
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

At Kessler Field. We will have activities from 1100 to 1400 including information booths, fact painting, children's games, Darren and MuGruff will appear, Girl Scouts will have a dunking booth, Ident a-kid, and Tae Kwon Do

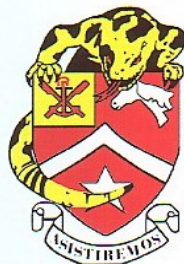
Demonstrations. Bike registration, Mobile canteens, MP working dogs, water, cakes and a climbing wall on hand. It should be fun, so come join us!

**BEACH VOLLEYBALL
TOURNAMENT**

August 14th at Kessler Field 1100-1400. There will be 4-6 players on each team. Contact Clarissa or Jessica at 354-6706/6766 to make reservations for your team.



August 17th



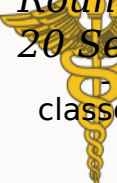
**Next FRG Meeting:
Sturgis Rm at Battalion - 6**

Other Important Information

FRG Roundtable

The floor will be open for discussion and questions. As always we will be meeting in the Yellow Ribbon Room at 6 pm. Remember, the Chaplains are feeding us, so we need everyone to RSVP by calling ACSC at 354-6751 or civilian 09721-966751.

Roundtable dates: 16 August, 20 September, 18 October

 Tobacco cessation classes, 1st Wednesday Of the month, 4 sessions, 11:30-1:00, bring lunch

Kids Coping Skills Group

Ages 8-12 yrs. Every Tuesday, Yellow Ribbon Room 3-4 pm. **For Details about these Programs contact Susan Freeman 09721-96-6473**

Job Vacancy

Schweinfurt Health Clinic seeking local candidates for the position of Tricare Medical Service Coordinator. Relocation or housing allowance is not provided. Reference No. EAH080545.

Required Skills: Three years cumulative overall experience in the following areas:
Two years experience with U.S. Military Healthcare delivery system and benefits or civilian managed care medical/administrative environment. Two years working experience in a medical office or clinical environment. One-year experience with the Composite Health Care System (CHCS) or other Civilian Healthcare Computer system. Fluency in English. For immediate consideration, please send cover letter and resume via email to tricare-jobs@saic.com.

Chaplain Services:



New Service to begin 29th of August at 1830, Sunday night. Come join us!

Starting **AWANA** Program Sunday, 12th of September from 1500 - 1700. Hope to see you there!

Middle School and High School- Get involved, with CLUB BEYOND! Contact information: Heather Megnia 017015733826

Supporting Injured Soldiers:

Donations Needed for Soldiers coming into Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. Clothing toiletries and monetary donations can be sent by mail to:

Commander,
Landstuhl Regional Medical Center
ATTN: MCEUL-CH/Chaplain's Office
CMR 402
APO AE 09180

Or Drop your donations off at the FAITH table outside the PX every Thursday lunch to 4:30

Free Childcare During Memorial Services

Chaplain Wright's ministry team will offer free childcare at the chapel during each memorial service on a first come, first served basis. Max. 20 children. Arrive no later than 30 min. prior to service start time.

The DAC/MWR will also offer free childcare for up to 20 CYS registered children during memorial services. This care will be provided at the School Aged Services Building at Askren Manor. Soon we hope to move this service to the Ledward Gym adjacent

Social Work Service

Combat Stress Support Group

This group is soldiers with combat-related stress. Discussions deal with alienation, anxiety, sleeplessness, depression, anger, etc. This group is located in the Schweinfurt Health Clinic on the 4th floor, room 413 on Wednesdays 0900-1100. To register or for more information call DSN: 354-6276.

Army Emergency Relief

Don't forget, if a financial emergency arises and causes you grief, your first thought for help should be Army Emergency Relief.

Fall Harvest Bazaar



September 3-5th @ Finney Gym on Conn
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.
Call your FRG.

Are you in charge of
watching someones house
while their gone ?



If someone has entrusted you with watching their house while they are gone to the states or deployed, it is important to go in once a week to flush their toilets and run the water. If not, the water

Eddie's Family Restaurant and Lunch Buffet- now with delivery



The Haunted (old) Skelter's Engineer Battalion Halloween Party



This is currently in the planning stages. We would like to have a haunted house on the 3rd Floor of the battalion for the bigger kids. This would be done by the Rear D. On the main floor we would like to have trick or treating in each room, with games in each Battalion Room. If you have ideas or would like to help with this please contact

Malia McRenolds.

The [AAFES/Commissary](#)

[forum](#) will be held 9 Sept, 0930hrs in the Community conference room and is open to the community. Please come and voice your wants and needs for improvements in these facilities. For more information call Mr Jones or Ms. Gower at 354-1540.

The [Schweinfurt Commissary](#) will be closed 19 August for Organization

DPW Bulk trash
schedule 28 Sept

- Remember anything that doesn't fit into you car is considered bulk trash

Want the latest NEWS from DOWNRANGE?

Visit
www.lid.army.mil/lid/media_information/media_information.html



The Community Level Softball team is looking for players. If you are interested in playing softball, contact SSG Franks at:

354-6514 or 09721-966514.

LADY SAPPER T-Shirts are in!!!

Cost: \$5.00

We have 30 medium and 30 large ones. The large ones are quite a bit larger too, which is nice. Come see Malia from 0630 to 1700 daily at the Battalion!

EDIS

Educational Developmental and Intervention Services

If you are concerned about how well your child relates to others, hears, learns, talks or plays, call EDIS to make an appointment for a developmental screening at 354-6257 or 09721-966257 for children 0-3 years old.

There will be no negative impact on your family, but your child might

Getting your newsletter e-mailed

to reduce the time it takes to get our newsletter out, and save paper, we have decided to send the majority of the newsletters out via e-mail. We will continue to mail hard copies to those who wish them. Remember, the letter is also

available on the 9E web page

Walk to Iraq Update!



9th ENGR Battalion
Is in 2ed place with

**5,390.12
miles!**

Keep it up!

Battalion Tee-Shirts? Not yet, we want your ideas for a design- Contact Malia McRenolds with your masterpieces!



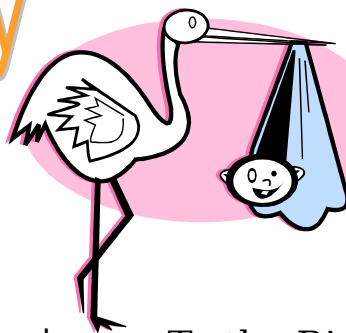
Have Great Recipes?



Share them in the cookbook being prepared by Malia McReynolds. This cookbook will be available to our community and to friends and family through the website. This will make a great gift for all those cooks on your holiday list. Please submit recipes at MaliaM@mctymail.98asg.army.mil by Sept. 5th. All friends and family are welcome to contribute recipes, the more submissions we get, the better the cookbook will be!

Happy Birthday

Congratulations



Congratulations to the English family on the birth of **Layla Elexis** 5 Aug (5lbs and 18 inches)

To the Ringenoldus Family on the birth

of **Shanae Nicole** 12 Aug (7lbs 20 inches)

Anniversaries

4 July SSG Acevedo and Marilyn

28 July SGT Wolfe (A&O PLT) and Carrie

19 August SSG Deans and Sabine

Missed in July :

1ST Starlette Flakes Andrews 24TH Doralyn

7TH Carrie Wolfe Order 28TH Krissi

1st Mary Dillinger

3rd SSG Steven Santos 15th Marilyn Acevedo

5th SPC Jason Clark Price 18th SPC Charles

6th 2LT Jason Royston 20th SSG Randal Clayton

11th SGT Craig Laing 22nd SPC Darren McElroy

26th SGT Christopher Hernandez

31st PFC David Cook



CRIME PREVENTION WHILE TRAVELING:

Travel information can be found at:

http://www.travel.state.gov/travel_warnings.html

Immediately report loss or theft of a US passport or ID card to your local military police; local police and US Embassy if you are out of your local area. Need a travel brief? Call 354-

6680

Sports

Registration going on now (Aug 1-28)

Soccer - Flag Football

Cheerleading

Register at CYS Central Registration

BLDG 224 Ledward

•Must have current CYS registration

School Information

Important SCHOOL Dates Coming Up

SES (Full) 7 Sept. 0800 First Day of Classes

BKES (Full) 7 Sept. 0800 First Day of Classes

SMS (TBD) 7 Sept. 0740 First Day of Classes

WHS 7 Sept. 0812 First Day of Class (9th grade only)

8 Sept 0812 First Day of Class (10th - 12 th Grades only)

9 Sept 0812 All grades attend

Dress Code 04/05

Elementary and Middle Schools:

Leg Wear - Navy Blue or Kaki Long Pants, Jumpers, Skirts, Skorts or Walking Shorts.

Shirts - Red, White, Navy, or Light Blue Turtleneck, Short and Long Sleeved Polo or Dress Shirts, Sweaters, or other Official Shirts

Footwear:

Socks - Navy, Red or White

Shoes: - Sturdy, Tie, Buckle or Casual Shoes

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Afternoon Everyone,

Here are some questions that were asked, we think that this might benefit everyone. Take care and have a great day!

*** Do the soldiers get dropped off at their home here is Schweinfurt, or is it an option to pick the soldier up?? Or does it depend on the time of day??

ANSWER: The soldier will get picked up at Conn and taken to the Battalion Hq on Ledward (Bldg 214). We'll ensure he's properly signed out on leave and receives a quick brief (5 minutes). The spouse can pick the soldier up at that point. If the spouse can't pick up the soldier for any reason, we drive the soldier home.

*** People have said that the soldiers are not allowed to wear their DCU's on the plane home and that they must buy civilian clothes while in Kuwait. Is this true??

ANSWER: This is not true - soldiers coming back on R & R since it officially began in June have been in DCUs. During the month of May, R & R was drastically cut back and the few soldiers that came back flew on commercial planes paid for by the Army. Due to the flights being on commercial airliners, the soldiers had to wear civilian clothes. R & R is now a fully functioning program, so soldiers are flying in DCUs again.

*** There have been conflicting reports on when R&R actually begins for the soldier. Some say that it is when they are in Kuwait, others say that it doesn't start until Midnight of the night they actually arrive. (In turn giving them the first day as kind of a freebie.)

ANSWER: The soldier's R & R leave date begins at 0001 on the day after he arrives. In civilian terms that means that if a soldier arrived at any time on 10 June, his leave would start at 1 minute after midnight on 11 June- so yes, the first day is a "freebie".

*** We have heard that we get three phone calls when the soldier leaves for R&R. The first when they leave Iraq, Then when they reach Kuwait, and then once they get to Schweinfurt. Do you know if this is true??

ANSWER: I am not receiving any current information on exactly when a soldier leaves Iraq for Kuwait. In most cases we are only receiving a phone call when the soldier actually arrives in Rhein Main and sometimes not until he gets to Conn Barracks in Schweinfurt. We've also received emails the day prior with estimated departure times, but those can easily change. In any case, as soon as we get confirmation that the soldier is truly enroute, we notify the spouse. So...the real answer is that the notification times have varied. Please understand that there are many soldiers in Iraq moving back and forth, so your specific soldier's status may not get to us until he's already at his next stop (Kuwait, Rhein Main, etc.).]

Very respectfully,

CPT Balistreri